

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2841**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kouichi TAKAGI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2841

Application No.: 10/740,469

Examiner: H. NGUYEN

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Docket No.: 118153

For: CONTROL CIRCUIT BOARD AND CIRCUIT STRUCTURAL BODY

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the August 23, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. The Office Action, in paragraph 4, rejects claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0001319 A1 to Kawakita et al. (hereinafter "Kawakita") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,534,726 to Okada et al. (hereinafter "Okada"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kawakita is commonly assigned to the same three Assignees as the instant application. Because Kawakita qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(c) apply. Specifically, Kawakita cannot be used to preclude patentability under 35 U.S.C. §103 because Kawakita and the instant application were, at the

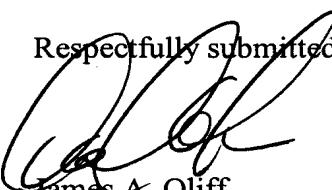
time of filing of the instant application, subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entities.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawakita in view of Okada are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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